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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS' PLEA TO STAY IN NATO

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1. FOLLOWING FONMIN K.B. ANDERSEN'S CALL TO ME ABOUT HIS
TALK WITH CAMPINOS, I WAS GIVEN AMPLIFIED TEXT OF THE
MINISTER'S DISCUSSION WITH CAMPINOS. THE MINISTER ASKED
IF I WOULD SEND IT TO THE DEPARTMENT AS HE CONSIDERED IT
IMPORTANT THAT WASHINGTON BE MADE AWARE OF CAMPINOS'
VIEWS. TEXT FOLLOWS AS GIVEN TO US BY MFA.

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2. BEGIN TEXT: PROFESSOR JORGE CAMPINOS, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY AND WAS SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNTIL THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOCIALISTS FROM THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IN THE MIDDLE OF JULY (A POST WHICH HE OCCUPIED DURING THE TERMS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS DR. SOARES AND MAJOR ANTUNES) IS PRESENTLY STAYING IN DENMARK AS THE GUEST OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

DURING A DINNER GIVEN BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HE MADE SOME INTERESTING REMARKS PARTICULARLY ABOUT PORTUGAL'S RELATIONSHIP TO NATO WHICH WE BELIEVE MIGHT INTEREST OUR AMERICAN ALLIES.

PROFESSOR CAMPINOS EMPHASIZED VERY STRONGLY THAT THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY BELIEVES PORTUGAL SHOULD STAY IN NATO. THERE WAS NO DOUBT TO HIS MIND THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF NATO WAS IN THE PRESENT SITUATION AN "ANCHORAGE" FOR DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL.

IN MR. CAMPINOS' VIEW THE PORTUGUESE POPULATION DID NOT IDENTIFY NATO WITH THE OLD REGIME.

WHILE IT WAS TRUE THAT THE LONG-TERM VIEW OF THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY WAS THAT THE TWO MILITARY BLOCKS IN EUROPE SHOULD BE DISSOLVED, THE PARTY WAS QUITE CONVINCED THAT THE DISSOLUTION OF THE TWO BLOCKS WOULD NOT BE PROMOTED BY PORTUGAL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM ONE WITH THE RISK OF FALLING INTO THE OTHER.

MR. CAMPINOS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OTHER ALLIES WOULD STICK TO THE VIEW THAT PORTUGAL SHOULD STAY IN NATO AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. HE REALIZED THAT PRESENT CONDITIONS IN PORTUGAL MIGHT CONSTITUTE A SECURITY RISK FOR NATO SINCE IT MUST BE ASSUMED THAT THE KGP HAD ACCESS TO PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING IN LISBON. THEREFORE, HE FELT SURE THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WOULD RAISE NO MORE THAN FORMAL PROTESTS IF NATO TOOK UP AN EVEN MORE RESTRICTIVE POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS TO PORTUGAL.

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MR. CAMPINOS HAD READ DR. KISSINGER'S RECENT SPEECH IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND BELIEVED THE WARNING ADDRESSED TO THE SOVIET UNION MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO MAINTAINING PORTUGAL'S POSITION IN THE WESTERN SYSTEM. END TEXT.
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